

DCC Capital Facilities Grant Application - USL

Applicant Dustin Fife

Applicant ID APP-04146

Address: San Juan County Library / Blanding Branch

25 W 300 S

Blanding, UT 84511-3829

Application Status: Submitted

Application Sections

Applicant Information

Question: Organization Name

Response: San Juan County Library / Blanding Branch

Question: Federal ID Number

Response: 87-6000305

Question: Project Contact's Name & Title

Response: Dustin Fife, Library Director

Question: Address

Response: 25 W. 300 S.

Question: City

Response: Blanding

Question: State

Response: UT

Question: ZIP

Response: 84511-3829

Question: Phone

Response: 435-678-2335

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Question: E-Mail

Response: d.t.fife@gmail.com

Question: Project Start Date

Response: April 1, 2012

Question: Project End Date

Response: December 31, 2012

Question: Project Title (less than 10 words)

Response: Blanding and Monticello Library Remodels

Question: Main Goals (state goals in one or two sentences)

Response: The San Juan County Libraries will update their two main facilities in Blanding and Monticello, buildings constructed in the 1950's and in urgent need of renovation. These changes will bring both libraries up to acceptable safety standards; update HVAC systems; increase ADA accessibility in Blanding; and greatly modernize patronage usability by reorganizing the overall layout to meet the bulging demand for community Internet access and children's library facilities.

Question: Funding Sources (From complete detailed budget page)

Response: San Juan County Library Budget Surplus Funds \$284,312.60
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant \$278,000.00
San Juan County Contribution (\$75,000 per library) \$150,000.00
State of Utah DCC Capital Facilities Grants \$712,312.60
TOTAL FUNDING \$1,424,625.20

Question: Grant Request Amount \$

Response: 712,312.60

Question: Other Funding Resources Amount \$ (grants, private/public donations, etc.)

Response: San Juan County Library - \$284,312.60, USDA Rural Development Grant - \$278,000.00, San Juan County - \$150,000.00

Question: TOTAL BUDGET \$

Response: \$1,424,625.20

Question: Name of Executive Officer & Title (person responsible for the project and this application)

Response: Dustin Fife, San Juan County Library Director

Question: Date of Application

Response: May 31, 2011

Project Description

Question: Project Description and Expected Results (Each application should state clearly what is proposed, why it is to be undertaken, what the expected results will be, and what the public benefit will be.)

Response: What is proposed: For over fifty years, the Blanding and Monticello libraries have been the heart and soul of their communities. As is true with most public buildings in San Juan County, they were built in the 1950's, a direct benefit of the uranium boom which waned soon thereafter. The good news is that our county, one of the richest in the nation at that time, built schools, libraries, and other county facilities. As can happen with a boom and bust economy, San Juan County is now one of the poorest in the nation with the ensuing difficulty of upkeep and upgrades of county facilities due to extremely limited capital resources.

The Blanding and Monticello Libraries are beautiful, stone-facade buildings in the center of their respective communities. While well maintained by San Juan County, age as well as changes in library patron needs necessitate facility repairs and modifications. As a matter of safety and long-term viability, each building is in need of a new roof, safety glass and upgrades to their HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems. With our eye to the future, both buildings will be upgraded to meet LEED Certification standards. We will also take advantage of southern Utah's abundant sunshine by adding solar panels to further reduce energy costs.

The changes above speak to the long term structural integrity issues. The portion of the renovation plan most important to our patrons and staff have to do with the overall layout of our libraries. The buildings were originally designed with almost half of each facility outfitted with a large meeting room. These rooms were used extensively in the past for every type of community event including weddings, receptions and local organization meetings. Strict enforcement of UCIP TULIP (Utah Counties Insurance Pool Tenant Users Liability Insurance Program) have severely restricted this type of usage, thereby rendering half of each library building virtually useless.

This renovation will result in a reorganization of the facility space, placing the circulation desk in the middle of the building in order to properly oversee the entire facility. The old meeting room will be converted to children's library space allowing further expansion of young patron's literacy programming such as Summer Reading and Story Hour; computers dedicated for children's use; child and family friendly reading areas and an expanded children's collection. Separation of the children's area will allow expansion and better separation and definition of our computer area, expand our adult collection space, including our popular audio and video offerings.

We have garnered support from the Blanding and Monticello communities as well as San Juan County, each who understand highly functional and aesthetically beautiful libraries bring many benefits to their communities. Patronage will increase when we are able to change dark, outdated rooms into brighter, more welcoming and infinitely more practical learning environments. Tourism and economic growth are essential to our local economy. Both libraries are located on the main highway thoroughfares and are important information centers for travelers. Vibrant, modern libraries are essential to the cultural and economic value of San Juan County.

Question: Partnerships (Please list community supporters, funding agents, sponsorships, strategic alliances, applicants may attach up to five Letters of Support.)

Response: City of Blanding - Mayor Toni Turk
City of Monticello - Mayor Doug Allen
San Juan County Commissioners - Chair - Bruce Adams
San Juan County Economic Development - Director - Charles Delorme
San Juan County Library Board - Chair - Georgiana Kennedy Simpson
Funding agents thus far - San Juan County Library Board, San Juan County, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant

Question: Plan of work (Outline your plan of work, include what steps are planned with specific dates and activities. Include beginning date, completion date, and source of operation and maintenance funding.)

Response: July 2007 - San Juan County Library Board identifies the need for serious renovation and upgrades to the Blanding and Monticello Library facilities.

October 2007 - Chamberlin Architects is selected to create blueprints for the Blanding and Monticello Library renovations.

March 2008 - After discussions with San Juan County Library staff and board members, Chamberlin Architects presents floor plans and cost estimates for the Blanding and Monticello Library Remodel Project.

November 2008 - Revisions are received from Chamberlin Architects for Blanding basement ADA regulation exit.

September 2009 - New Library Director is hired to lead the San Juan County Library Remodels upon completion of the San Juan County Satellite Library Expansion.

January 2010 - \$200,000 in surplus funds is set aside in the San Juan County Library budget for use as matching funds in library remodel grant process.

April 2010 - United States Departments of Agriculture Rural Development Grant is submitted. The amount requested with a high probability of being funded is \$400,000.

May 2010 - Request was made of the San Juan County Commission for an additional \$150,000 in matching funds for the San Juan County Library Remodel Project.

May 2010 - Department of Community and Culture Capital Facilities Grant Application is made for \$750,000. It was ranked as the #1 grant proposal to be submitted to the Governor's office as well as the state legislature.

January 2011 - The Governor's Office does not include this application as part of their budget submission to the state legislature. Although repeated attempts were made to reinstate this project into the 2011 budget, it did not get funded.

May 2011 - Reapply for the DCC Capital Facilities Grant.

January 2012 - Upon receiving our full funding amount of 1,500,000, San Juan County will hire a contractor to complete the facilities upgrades.

April 2011 - Weather permitting, renovations will begin. Construction will proceed with every effort being made to keep the libraries open as much as possible during the renovation period. Regarding the source of operation and maintenance funding, Blanding and Monticello libraries are state certified libraries which will continue to be maintained by San Juan County during the renovation period.

December 2011 - Projected completion of San Juan County library renovations.

Project Budget

Question: Materials and Equipment \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$271,275.98

Question: Capital Improvements \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$231,128.16

Question: Supplies \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$35,176.00

Question: Personnel \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$154,182.46

Question: Other Expenses \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$20,550.00

Question: TOTAL \$ (of above items)

Response: \$712,312.60

Question: GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT \$

Response: \$712,312.60

Question: OTHER FUNDING SOURCES \$ Amount (from spreadsheet worksheet)

Response: \$712,312.60

Question: TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET \$ (sum of Grant Request & Other Funding)
Response: \$1,424,625.20

Attachments

Question: Attachment Budget Spreadsheet
Response: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Utah State Library Capital Facilities Grant Application Budget Spreadsheet2. 2. Cost Estimate - Blanding with Alternatives - 11-18-08 - includes Blanding Library floor plan with cost estimates3. Cost Estimate - Monticello - 3-12-08 - includes Monticello Library floor plan with cost estimates4. Cost Estimate - Blanding Basement Exit Option - 11-18-08 - includes Blanding basement revision for ADA accessibility with cost estimates5. San Juan County Commission Letter of Support6. City of Blanding Letter of Support7. City of Monticello Letter of Support8. San Juan County Library Board Letter of Support